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United States Patents

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue/Publication Date</u>
5,653,192	Sheen et al.	08-05-1997

Foreign Patent Documents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue/Publication Date</u>
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EP 0 499 428 A1	Carrano	08-19-1992
EP 0 898 883 A2	Tucker	03-03-1999
EP 1 212 937 A1	Harmsen et al.	06-12-2002
EP 1 340 457 A2	van der Lely et al.	09-03-2003
NL 8903163	Gascoigne-Melotte BV	07-16-1991

Other Documents

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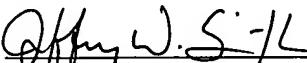
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